



# VILLAGE OF WILSON

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Good Afternoon,

Here are today's "Talking Points" from the Village. Included in the updates for today is information from New York to help our businesses.

### **UPDATE CASE NUMBERS**

- No updated cases from Niagara County. Niagara County has nine (9) confirmed cases as of March 23, 2020 at 1:51pm.
- As stated in Governor Cuomo's press conference today at approximately 10:00am, New York has 20,875 confirmed cases (5,707 new cases) and of those cases, 2,635 are hospitalized with 621 of them being ICU patients.
- There have been 157 deaths in New York as of March 23, 2020.
- Nationally, New York is the most impacted state in the U.S. with 20,875 cases in NYS out of 38,725 cases nationwide.
- Internationally, there are 349,211 positive cases with 15,308 deaths. So far, there are 100,165 recoveries worldwide. This is current as of 3/23/20 at 10:00am.

### **SYMPTOMS**

According to the CDC, symptoms may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like cough, fever, trouble breathing, and/or pneumonia. The CDC believes, at this time, that symptoms may appear in as few as two (2) days or as long as fourteen (14) days after exposure to the virus.

### **CAUSES**

The CDC believes most cases are now likely to be spread from person to person by droplets when coughing.

### **PREVENTION**

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the garbage.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### **ESTIMATED VIRUS PEAK**

On March 20, 2020, experts estimate the coronavirus will peak in about forty-five (45) days.

### **HOW DO I TRANSLATE THIS TO MY DAILY LIFE?**

The numbers above are telling us that a lot of us, projections say that 40 – 80% of us, will be infected with the COVID-19 virus. The above numbers also make it clear that we know who will be the most affected. For everyone's benefit, we must realize that protocol put in place is not advice we may choose to ignore. It is imperative

that we follow all social distancing protocol for everyone's safety. Even the most well-intentioned actions may have tragic consequences. Be careful, stay safe, and keep healthy.

### **NEW YORK RESPONDS**

**REGISTER FOR COVID-19 UPDATES:** If you have a question or want to register for updates on COVID-19 from the State, go to the following webpage: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

**COVID-19 SBA DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM:** The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) federal disaster loan program has been approved for all counties in NYS and is available for applications. Low-interest loans for working capital are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private non-profit organizations suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout New York State. Information on the program, how to apply, and a webinar can be found on ESD's website located here: <https://esd.ny.gov/resource-guide-covid-19-sba-disaster-loans>.

### **NIAGARA COUNTY UPDATES**

Niagara County has been doing a great job of sharing information with me via conference call, email, and phone call. To keep updates on COVID-19 in our county go to the following website: <https://www.niagaracounty.com/>.

### **VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINANCIAL HELP:** The United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund will help with bills, rent, and food. Call 1-866-211-9966 or go to [www.uwgn.org](http://www.uwgn.org).

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE:** During this time of unprecedented isolation and quarantines, when supply of toilet paper has diminished, people are resorting to cleansing wipes. It is imperative that you DO NOT flush these wipes but rather place a small trash can next to the toilet and dispose of them in the trash. Thank you.

**ELECTIONS SUSPENDED:** New Village elections have been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 28, 2020. More information will follow on this as Ellen and I develop our plan.

**SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY:** for information on how to help or get help from the Food Pantry, please call 716-751-0165 or 716-727-4074, or go to their website at <https://wilsoncommunityfoodpantry.com/donate>.

**SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES:** We are blessed to still have a grocery store and lucky to have a family like the Bowman's who have worked so hard to keep it operating with all the supply disruptions as of late. Let's also not forget Matty's, T&R's, and the Wilson Brew Company for pickup services. All these businesses donate to our local events and we need to support them and our other local businesses at every opportunity. More importantly, let's be sure to follow all guidance on social distancing when we are visiting our essential businesses.

**NEIGHBORS HELPLING NEIGHBORS:** Cheryl Krygier will be leaving meals on her porch if you need any assistance. You are invited to pick one up. Her address is 258 Lake Street. Links contained in this email give you access to the most current information I have available. You will find, in most cases, this is where the press is getting information for their stories. I hope all is well and make sure you do everything you can to stay healthy!

Respectfully,

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